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SUBJECT: ARELLANO INTERVIEW WITH GAIL EISEN OF CBS "60 MINUTES" STAFF

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1. ARELLANO RECEIVED EISEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 22 FEBRUARY FOR INTERVIEW ON COCAINE SCENE COLOMBIA. SHE SAID FOCUS OF PROPOSED "60 MINUTES" SEGMENT WOULD BE TO TRACE COCAINE PRODUCTION AND TRADE FROM THE COCA BUSH TO THE USER. SHE RETURNED SEVERAL TIMES TO QUESTION WHAT LEVERAGE USG HAS WITH COLOMBIANS IN PRESSING FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST TRAFFICKERS, AND TO NATURE OF OUR COOPERATION WITH COLOMBIANS IN NARCOTICS. SHE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALSO SHOWED INTEREST IN ROLE OF COCAINE IN COLOMBIAN ECONOMIC LIFE. PRODUCER HAS DECIDED AGAINST PURSUING THE CONCERNS OF AMERICANS APPREHENDED AFTER RECRUITMENT INTO NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING, SHE SAID.

2. ACCORDING TO EISEN FILMING BEGINS IMMEDIATELY; TEAM WILL RETURN FOR CAMERA INTERVIEW WITH SELECTED WASHINGTON

OFFICIALS, AS YET UNDESIGNATED.

- 3. COMMENT ON PROPOSAL ADVANCED REFERENCE FOLLOWSSEPTEL.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ACCOUNT OF YOUR INTERVIEW WITH "60 MINUTES" STAFF TO GUIDE OUR PREPARATION FOR POSSIBLE FURTHER INTERVIEW OF STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. VANCE

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